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VALUE ADDITION FOR COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched schemes for value addition of coconut;

(b) if so, the details regarding the parts of coconut and coconut tree being used for such value addition; and

(c) the encouragement being given to private entrepreneurs in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Parts of coconut and coconut tree being used for value addition are furnished at Annexure.

(c): Financial assistance is being provided for Research Projects for development of technologies for processing and product diversification and for technology acquisition, training & demonstration, to the extent of 100% of the cost in respect of Government institutions and 50% of the cost for private institutions and organizations, limited to Rs.75.00 lakhs and Rs.35.00 lakhs, respectively.

Financial assistance is also being provided to entrepreneurs through the Coconut Development Board (CDB) for setting up of integrated coconut processing units for production of value added coconut products @25% of the cost limited to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakh.

Financial assistance is also provided for Market Promotion to the extent of 100% of the cost in respect of public institutions and 50% of the cost in respect of cooperatives/NGO's/private institutions and limited to Rs.25 lakhs and Rs.10 lakhs, respecltively.

The CDB, under sponsored research programme has developed technologies for new value added coconut products, which is being transferred to entrepreneurs for setting up commercial production units.

The CDB is also imparting training for women entrepreneurs and self help groups and other voluntary agencies for coconut based convenience foods at the Technology Development Centre, Aluva, Kerala.